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To whom it may concern:

I am very concerned about the government's proposals of weakening or eliminating the labeling requirements for irradiated food. I firmly believe that any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation should be clearly labeled so that the consumer may make a more informed choice. The label should be easy to read and the label should be placed near the name of the food, so that it cannot be missed or passed over by the consumer. If the food in question is not packaged, or a label cannot be easily applied to the package, this same information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and adjacent to where the irradiated product is displayed for sale.

Like other labels required by federal law, irradiation labels must be truthful and not misleading to the consumer. The terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be used to describe the process that the product underwent, because they accurately portray the irradiation process. A symbol may be used to mark the product as being differently treated, but a symbol alone is not enough information. These words should be placed underneath the symbol to inform consumers.

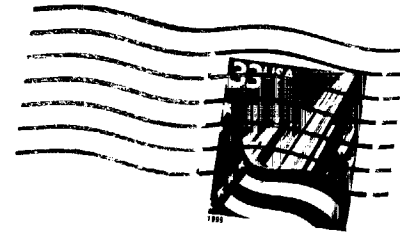
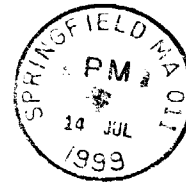
It greatly disturbs me that the irradiation process removes important vitamins and nutrients from the food. It is also important for the public to know that irradiated food also may be carcinogenic, due to the process in which the food is irradiated. The fact that the irradiation process has never undergone extensive testing for possible carcinogenic effects in humans is alarming.

I strongly believe that consumers have a right-to-know how their food has been processed. Please ensure that labeling requirements are strengthened and not weakened.

Sincerely,

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